

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:	)	
<b>Tidwell, et al.</b>	)	Confirmation No.: 7078
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Serial No.: 10/758,903	)	Art Unit: 2616
	)	
Filed: January 16, 2004	)	Examiner: Rutkowski, Jeffrey M.
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD TO BACKUP	)	Docket No.: 710101-1380
COMMUNICATION OCCURRING ACROSS	)	
A PLURALITY OF SUBSCRIBER LINES	)	

**FIRST RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the outstanding non-final Office Action of August 27, 2007, Applicants submit the following First Response with amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer, & Risley, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 20-0778.